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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re

International Application of

Dietmar Weissflog

U.S. National Phase of
International Application No.
PCT/EP00/06993

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SEPARATOR FOR AN AXIAL ACTUATOR

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

BOX PCT
Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

Please amend the application as follows prior to calculation of the filing fees.

IN THE CLAIMS

1. (Amended) A separator for axial actuators including two positioner rings comprising at least three pairs of spiral raceways each movable contrary to the other, the separator comprising three spacers at least spirally interconnected to comply with the shape of the raceways in reducing the friction between said positioner rings, whereby rotation of one positioner ring results in axial motion of the other positioner ring.

2. (Amended) The separator as set forth in claim 1 wherein said spacers are made of a friction-reducing material.

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